

SEINERS FIND FISH ON THE RIPS

Men Sail of the Fleet Have Good Fresh Fares at T Wharf Today—Two Good Lots of Fresh Mackerel.

The seiners struck mackerel again yesterday down on the Rips, the fish being mostly of the medium and tinker variety and this forenoon, 10 fares were reported at T wharf, Boston and at this port.

The sailing crafts in are schs. Constellation, Victor, Lottie G. Merchant, and while, the remainder in the little steamers. The fares from 3500 to 30,000 fish in count,

landed by Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, Capt. Ralph Webber, which were eagerly purchased by the buyers. Sch. Constellation, Capt. Charles Maguire, has 160 barrels of salt mackerel and sch. Eglantine, Capt. George G. Hamor, 70 barrels in addition to their fresh fares.

At this port this morning is steamer Ethel, Lufkin & Tarr's boat with 2500 medium fresh mackerel and 10 barrels salt mackerel. This hustling firm were the buyers of the fresh trip at six cents a pound.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$4.75 cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$2.50. Drift codfish, large \$4.37 1-2 per cwt.; medium, \$3.87 1/2. Eastern halibut codfish, large \$4.50; medium, \$4.00. Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.00. Flitted halibut, 8 3-4 cents per lb. Cusk, large \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.50. Hake, \$1.50. Pollock, \$1.50. Mackerel, \$26 per bbl., for large; for medium; \$2.50 for medium cod; \$9.25 for tinkers.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices: Haddock, \$1 per cwt. Eastern cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$2.00; snappers, 75c. Western cod, large, \$2.35; medium, \$2.00; snappers, 75c. Codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 lbs. less than the above. Hake, large, \$1.60; medium, \$1.10; snappers, 50c. Flitted pollock, 80c.; round 70c.

Sh herring, \$3 per bbl., for salt; to salt; \$1.60 to freezer. Fresh mackerel, 29c each for large, for medium 8c per lb. for tinkers. Bluebacks, \$2.50 per bbl., for salt to freezer; 75c to salt. Halibut, 10c per lb. for white gray.

Salt Steamer Arrives.

Steamer Glenway, Capt. Richards, from Iwiza, Spain, arrived yesterday and anchored in the harbor. She has 4050 tons of cargo consigned to Fred Bradley for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries company.

Broke Snapper Record.

Sch. Culebra, in command of Capt. Martin Johnson, broke the record for this season of the year when it arrived to the Warren Fish Company Saturday, with 41,000 pounds of snappers and 2000 pounds of groupers after being out only 18 days on the Campechi banks. The records both for catches and length of trips were broken when the Culebra came in with her big catch after being gone a little more than two weeks.

Old Time Fish Man Dead.

Bangs Atwood Lewis of the old-time firm of Bangs A. Lewis Company, died recently at his home in Provincetown. The Bangs A. Lewis Co. for many years carried on an extensive business in vessel supplies and owned a large fleet of Grand Bankers, whalers and mackerel catchers.

Portland Fishing Notes.

The beam trawler Spray came in Friday with 13,000 pounds of fish for the Burnham & Morrill factory, the largest catch yet landed by any of the steam trawlers. After landing her fish the steamer will proceed to Bath to undergo repairs at the Iron Works, where she will install a new boiler.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Elizabeth W. Nunan and James and Esther were at Liverpool, N. S., Thursday and cleared. Schs. Annie M. Parker and Athlete were at Canso, Thursday.

Salt Steamer Sailed.

The steamer Ringhorn having completed the discharge of her salt cargo, sailed Saturday evening for Campelton, N. B., to load diel for Europe.

BRINGS COD FROM THE LABRODOR

Sch. Essex Has 350,000 Lbs.—Sch. Onato Has Good Grand Bank Trip.

With a nice fare, sch. Onato, Capt. J. Henry Larkin is here this morning from a Grand Bank trip, hailing for 150,000 pounds salt cod.

Other arrivals are schs. Teazer down from Boston with 50,000 pounds fresh fish and 18,000 pounds salt cod and sch. Esperanto, 70 barrels salt mackerel, also from Boston.

From the Labrador coast is sch. Essex with a cargo of 350,000 pounds salt cod for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

During the heavy gale of the night, a number of coastwise crafts put in the outer harbor for shelter.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail are as follows:

Sch. Teazer, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish, 18,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Onato, Grand Banks, 150,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Eglantine, seining, 70 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Essex, Labrador coast, 350,000 lbs. salt cod.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., haddocking.

Sch. Juno, haddocking.

Sch. Flora L. Oliver, haddocking.

Sch. Conqueror, shacking.

Sch. Corsair, drifting.

Sch. Romance, seining.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, seining.

Steamer Philompea, seining.

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Hake, \$1.50. Pollock, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.50.

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GROUND FISH IN GOOD SUPPLY

Five Swordfishermen Get the Benefit of Good Market at T Wharf.

Groundfish was in good supply at T wharf, Boston, the early morning report giving 26 arrivals there since yesterday.

Only one mackerel seiner arrived, steamer Orion, Capt. John H. Dainmar, being in with 2500 fresh mixed mackerel. Some of the groundfishermen have good trips, the largest being schs. Frances P. Mesquita, Priscilla Smith, Frances S. Grueby and steamers Surf and Foam.

Five swordfishermen with 315 fish arrived, the dealers paying 11 1-2 cents and 12 cents a pound for them.

Wholesalers quoted \$2 to \$3.75 a hundred weight for haddock, \$5 to \$6 for large cod, \$3.75 for market cod, \$2 for hake and cusk.

Boston Arrivals.

The arrivals and fares in detail are as follows:

Sch. Muriel, 4000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 4000 pollock.

Str. Surf, 63,000 haddock, 300 cod, 3000 lemon sole.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, 65,000 haddock, 20,000 hake, 4000 cusk, 1200 halibut.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, 90,000 haddock, 40,000 cod, 3000 pollock, 600 halibut.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 60,000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. Mary F. Sears, 8000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 1 swordfish.

Sch. Pontiac, 13,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 8000 hake.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, 18,000 haddock, 2200 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. Arbitrator, 20,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 6000 pollock.

Sch. Annie Perry, 6000 haddock, 27,000 cod, 1000 hake, 4000 pollock.

Sch. Virginia, 9000 haddock, 13,500 cod.

Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 2000 haddock, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Hortense, 8000 haddock, 18,500 cod, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Hattie A. Heckman, 4500 haddock, 14,000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Georgianna, 7000 pollock.

Sch. Esther Gray, 600 cod, 11,000 pollock.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 2000 cod, 63,000 hake, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 14,000 haddock, 1800 cod, 3000 hake, 2500 pollock, 11 swordfish.

Sch. Frances S. Grueby, 37,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 1200 hake.

Str. Foam.

Str. Orion, 2500 mixed fresh mackerel.

Sch. Viking, 54 swordfish.

Sch. Albert D. Willard, 61 swordfish.

Sch. Katie L. Palmer, 51 swordfish.

Sch. James and Esther, 57 swordfish.

Sch. Eva and Mildred, 88 swordfish.

Haddock, \$2 to \$3.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$6; market cod, \$2.50; hake, \$2 to \$4; pollock, \$1.50; cusk, \$2; swordfish, 11 1-2 cts. and 12 cts. per lb.; fresh mackerel, 8 cents and 10 cents per lb.

FISHERIES MEN MEET IN BOSTON

Fish commissioners, biologists, directors of aquaria and of hatcheries and others associated with the fishing industry, to the number of about three-score attended the first session of the four days annual meeting of the American Fisheries Society yesterday at the Copley Square Hotel.

The Federal Government and many states were represented among the members and they were greeted by Governor Foss and Mayor Fitzgerald at the opening meeting. Dr. O. H. Townsend, director of the New York aquarium, the president, was in the chair.

The governor told the society that he has a great and growing interest in the subject of fisheries, and of fish and game protection. Opportunities have been neglected, he said, and he cited the claim that if the state flats were properly conserved they would yield the state an income of \$500,000 a year. He mentioned also the possibilities of the 2000 lakes and ponds in Massachusetts, not alone for sport, but as a source of food. Much of the great amount of money spent in the work of exterminating gypsy moths might have been saved, had the necessity of protecting the migratory birds been realized.

Mayor Fitzgerald expressed surprise that a fisheries society, now holding its 43d annual meeting, should never before have been in Boston, renowned for its fisheries. He told the members that as a boy he used to buy fish at the wharves for 10 cents apiece and lobsters for about the same price. Now the cost has increased tremendously, and shows the necessity for propagation of all species of fish. The mayor welcomed the visitors and said he would help them in every possible way.

The only business transacted at the morning session was the presentation of the president's, treasurer's and other reports, and the election of about a hundred new members. The meeting adjourned early to make a visit to the Aquarium, in South Boston. In the late afternoon there was a trip through the Boston park system, the visitors being guests of the Boston Park Commission. This morning will be devoted to the reading of papers and in the afternoon there will be an excursion to Lexington and Concord. Wednesday is to be given up to business, and Thursday the society will visit the wharf and the new fish pier at South Boston, and afterwards will go to Nantasket.

It was in the original program of the society to make a trip to this city by boat tomorrow and visit some of the fishing establishments, and hold a business meeting on the steamer both coming and going and as far as known here this program is to be carried out. Unfortunately the visit comes on the day of the annual banquet of the Essex County Associated Boards of Trade at Hawthorne Inn, which the local board will attend generally, so that the board will be unable to arrange any program for the visitors. The Master Mariners' Association has written to the secretary of the society tendering the use of their rooms while in town and inviting the members to call.

MENACE HALIFAX FISH EXPORTS

N. Y. and Boston Merchants Buying Their Fish Direct From N. S. Fishermen.

There is right now "in process," as a local dealer styles it, a campaign on the Gaspe coast that seriously menaces the future of fish exporting from the port of Halifax, says the Halifax Herald. Importers from New York and Boston, who heretofore got their fish shipments direct from Halifax are now operating for themselves on the New Brunswick north shore and even in Cape Breton, buying direct from the fishermen the product necessary to their trade. Aside from other developments, the main momentary result is that the price of Gaspe cured fish—pronounced the highest grade obtainable—is being boosted to unheard of figures and is at that rapidly becoming a "rarity" here, while to cap the climax the soaring influence is extending to Lunenburg bank cod and sky-rocket values are the order all round.

"It is a repetition of an attack waged on the Halifax wholesalers a year ago and finding its inception a year prior to that again," declared the merchant referred to recently.

"Its evil effects from our standpoint are many. The mode of operation is that buyers are sent along the Gaspe shore purchasing cargoes of fish and shipping by rail direct to New York and Boston. There the fish is distributed through system of business to the Italians and other Latin population of the United States, this race being the greatest fish consumers, and the quantity involved might be called enormous.

"It has been the usual order," he continued, "for this fish to be gathered by Halifax merchants, and then shipped to New York and Boston by the Red Cross and Plant liners. As it now stands the Americans are cutting us out of this business of being the middlemen and are endeavoring to play the game exclusively.

"But the effect of it all does not stop at the curtailment of the fish exports of Halifax. I might further say that now the New York and Boston importers do not need to accept fully dried fish—they can get along with the partially cured cod. This discourages the preparation of well dried codfish, and with its growing scarcity we are forced to pay dearly for the stock that is not meant for United States' consumption, but for shipment to the Italian market. The Italians demand the best grades—that is hard dried—and under present conditions they are compelled to purchase at rates that stand as world's records. To a slightly lesser degree are the markets in other Mediterranean countries affected.

"Looking upon all this," went on the exporter, "are Lunenburg fishing interests, and never failing to grasp an opportunity to demand more money for their fares, they are making exporters agree to top-notch figures. Should the exporter refuse to make their rate, then the threat is advanced that the fisherman will export his own cargo—and, what's more, that is what many of them are virtually doing.

"With all this opposition, fish handling has undergone a change. As the markets now hold it is decidedly risky for the dealer to lay in stores on speculation. In fact, about all the traffic is operated on order or of the hand-to-mouth variety.

"Buying for store means that while being held awaiting a favorable turn in foreign demand the fish suffers somewhat by the depreciation effected by time, the same as other perishable goods."

With the quality best suited for consumption in the Far East diverted elsewhere and the Lunenburg bank cod being considered too heavily salted for certain countries, the exporters pronounce upon the outlook pessimistically. The Lunenburg catch promises to be fair but not up to its former proportions, encouraged by cold storage, the quantity available for purchase is even further limited.

While Norwegian fish is not now competing with us in the West Indies, Scottish and English cure has crept into the field whenever values are high enough.

Complain of Buoys on the Shoals.

Continued irregularity is noted in the lighting efficacy of the various gas buoys on Nantucket Shoals and vicinity, there having been much complaint the past month on the part of the pilots of steamers moving along the coast. The latest trouble reported is that the gas buoy in the Great Round channel, No. 6, was extinguished Thursday night.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Athlete sailed from Canso, N. S. Friday last, seeking bait.
Schs. Harmony and Alice were at Liverpool, Friday and cleared.

New Vessel.

A very fine new schooner of 95 tons register was successfully launched at Shelburne on Thursday last, from the shipyard of the late Joseph McGill. She is 107 feet over all, 23 feet beam, 9 feet, 9 inches hold, and was built under contract for Hollett Brothers, the well-known firm of fish merchants of Burin, N. F., who already own several of the McGill build of vessels. The name of the new schooner has not yet been decided upon. She will be rigged and fitted out, and will prosecute the fishing business from her home port.

The late Mr. McGill, before his death, made complete arrangements regarding his business, which is to be continued in all its various branches, and with the same staff as formerly. The keel is now being laid for a fishing schooner of 165 tons, for Capt. Ephraim Inkpen, of Burin, N. F.

Bringing Cod Cargo.

The sch. Essex, Capt. J. McLeod, arrived at Bay of Islands, N. F., from Gloucester via St. Pierre last week, bringing a quantity of supplies to the Gorton-Pew Co., which were landed at Woods Island, where the vessel took on board 377,000 lbs. codfish, some oil and a few barrels herring for her owners and sailed for Gloucester the end of last week.

Portland Fishing News.

After experiencing a rather eventful career in the past few years "sandsucker," floating fish factory cargo boat, the steamer Mills of Menhaden Fish Co. was sold a few days ago by auction to J. Ogden Mills, New York capitalist. He paid \$100,000 for the vessel, the bidding has been spirited. The Mills is a steamer, 293 feet in length, 32.5 beam, twin screw expansion engine and three Scotch boilers. She is built at Sparrow's Point in 1901, work in the Ambrose channel, New York. Her registered tonnage is 1,000 gross. She spent most of the summer on the Maine coast two years ago, there was a revival of the eporgie fishery in this vicinity, being stationed nearly two months at Portland Round Pond. The prospects for menhaden business are so dubious present that her owners doubt could see no further profit in her.

Fish receipts recently have been decidedly light, hardly anything has been landed by the local fishermen except from the small boats. Most of the fleet were out Friday and are reported to have made a catch. The beam trawler Crest brought in 50 pounds of fish on Saturday for Burnham & Morrill factory.

Herring are on the return trip make their final appearance off port this season. Wednesday they were off Monhegan and Thursday they had disappeared completely from the coast and were found 25 miles away, off Guilin. Travelling at that rate they should be off the lightship today. They are extremely wild and of all the catches that were after them Thursday only one to make a successful set was the little steamer Pet from Portland, which managed to gather in barrels.

Banker Floated.

The Burin banker Helen V. R. which went ashore last week at Little Cove, near Holyrood, was successfully refloated Saturday afternoon by tug Ingraham, with Diver Butler board, who patched a big hole in bottom. She was taken to Concepcion harbor, where further repairs will be made, and then she will go to Har Grace and be taken on dock there.

Steamer Load of Fish Exported.

The first steamer, the Amelia, leave St. John's this season with a cargo of codfish got away a week ago Sunday for Naples, Alicante and Mediterranean ports, taking 2552 tons from the Newfoundland Ship Company, limited. Another steamer expected shortly to take a similar cargo.